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Meridian Investment Club, et al. v. Delta Financial Corp., et al., Re: No. CV-99-7033 (DRK) DRK

Dear Magistrate Judge Lindsay:

We are one of the co-lead counsel representing the Lead Plaintiffs and the class in the referenced securities class action. We write on behalf of all counsel to this action, who have reviewed and approved the contents of this letter.

The parties have conferred and are actively discussing the possibility of resolving this matter through mediation. Thus, we hereby request a 30 day stay of the deadlines set forth in the November 26, 2001 scheduling order, so that the parties have adequate time to pursue their discussions.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey M. Haber

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Keith Fleischman, Esq. (by first class mail and facsimile) cc: James L. Bernard, Esq. (by first class mail and facsimile) Jonathan G. Kortmansky, Esq. (by first class mail and face ANT SCOUNSEL IS DIRECTED TO SERV OF THIS ORDER ON ALL PARTIES UPON RE